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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
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GROUP 3752"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Hiroshi FUKUMOTO, et al.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Official Action dated March 4, 2003, favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, and 17-18 are presently active in this case. The Applicants note that Claim 1 is generic to all of the pending claims.

The Official Action indicated that only Claims 1-3, 17, and 18 are pending in the present application. However, Claims 4-11 have not been canceled from the application, and therefore remain pending.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The specific grounds for rejection are repeated on page 3 of the Official Action.

In response to the questions regarding the phrase "a field applier forming an equipotential surface" in line 4 of the Claim 1, the Applicants note that the equipotential

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